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The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the above-identified application and to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in Velcro Industries B.V.

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

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